Title: References made to the passing away of Shri K.N. Pradhan (Member Eighth Lok Sabha) on 17th July and Shri Vamanrao Mahadik (Member Ninth Lok Sabha) on 12th October, 1999.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our former colleagues, Sarvashri K.N. Pradhan and Vamanrao Mahadik.

Shri K.N. Pradhan was a Member of the Eighth Lok Sabha representing Bhopal Parliamentary Constituency of Madhya Pradesh from 1984 to 1989.

Earlier, Shri Pradhan was a Member of the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1967 to 1972 and from 1980 to 1985. He had served his State as a Cabinet Minister from 1969 to 1972. He was Chairman, Assurances Committee and was also a Member of several other Committees of the Vidhan Sabha.

A man of letters, Shri Pradhan took keen interest in journalism. He was editor of "Naya Sathi", a Hindi & Urdu weekly during 1950-53. He was also in the editorial team of `Nadeem", an Urdu daily; `Hitwada", an English daily; `Nav Prabhat", `Nav Bharat" and `Bhaskar", Hindi dailies.

Shri Pradhan took keen interest in the proceedings of the House. He had also served as a Member of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and the Committee on Government Assurances during the Eighth Lok Sabha.

A prominent social and political worker and a well-known and active trade unionist, he worked relentlessly for the welfare and upliftment of the weaker sections of the society and the working classes. He was also associated with the cooperative movement.

Shri K.N. Pradhan passed away on the 17th July, 1999 at Bhopal at the age of 67.

Shri Vamanrao Mahadik was a Member of the Ninth Lok Sabha representing Mumbai South-Central Parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra from 1989 to 1991.

Earlier, he was a Member of the Legislative Assembly, Maharashtra, during 1969-70 and the Legislative Council, Maharashtra, from 1980 to 1986.

An active social and political worker, Shri Mahadik served the Mumbai City of Maharashtra as a Member, Municipal Council for sixteen years and was the Mayor, Mumbai during 1978.

Shri Mahadik was a Member of the Committee on Public Undertakings, the Committee on Estimates; and the Employment Guarantee Scheme Committee of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly during 1981-85. An able Parliamentarian, Shri Mahadik was a Member of the Consultative Committee, Union Ministry of Industry during 1990.

A man of letters, Shri Mahadik wrote several articles in Marathi.

Shri Vamanrao Mahadik passed away on the 12th October, 1999 at Mumbai at the age of 74.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed souls.

11.04 hrs.

(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)

... (Interruptions)